

GEORGIA FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Fire Investigator



Fire Investigator Compliance Package

O.C.G.A. 25-4-8 specifies that a person certified must complete the following criteria:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age.
- (b) Never have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction.
- (c) Have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure approved by the council.
- (d) Be fingerprinted and a search made of local, state, and national fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record.
- (e) Possess or achieve within 12 months after employment/appointment a high school diploma or a general education development equivalency.
- (f) Complete the Arson Investigations Level 1 and Level 2 training courses taught by the Georgia Police Academy.

This booklet is provided to help the applicant ensure that all of the above items have been met. To apply for a certificate of compliance, complete each page and supply all supporting documents as shown. When completed, please send to Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council, 1000 Indian Springs Drive, Forsyth, Georgia 31029.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS BOOKLET UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE!

Incomplete Booklets will be returned to the sender.

**CHECK-OFF SHEET FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION
GEORGIA FIRE INVESTIGATOR - INV**

**BE SURE ALL FORMS LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR
APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING TO GFSTC**

- ☐ Applicant information sheet (Page 2)
- ☐ Personal history release form (Page 3)
- ☐ Birth certificate (copy) (Page 4)
- ☐ GBI Fingerprint Results (Processed fingerprint card, notarized copy of processed fingerprint card, or digitalized results) (Page 5)
- ☐ FBI background check results (Civil Applicant Response form from FBI) (Page 5)
- ☐ Good moral character form (Page 6)
- ☐ High school diploma or GED (copy) (Page 7)
- ☐ Verification of accepted training/certification (Page 8)

Please do NOT include ANY forms or certificates that are NOT requested! We only need what is listed above.

APPLICANT INFORMATION COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

1. _____
First Name MI Last Name
2. _____
SSN
3. _____ Career__ Volunteer__ Part-time__
Employing Fire Department
4. _____
Date of Employment/Appointment
5. Have you previously been issued a certificate of compliance as a Fire Investigator? Yes__ No__
- If yes, list your Georgia State Certificate number _____
- Department where issued _____
6. Date Arson Investigator Level 2 (Advanced) Course completed _____

O.C.G.A. - 16-10-20 A person who knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government or of the government of any county, city, or other political subdivision of this state shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.

I attest and affirm that I have reviewed this application and the information supplied is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Chief or Designee

Signature of Investigator

PERSONAL HISTORY RELEASE

I do hereby authorize the review of and full disclosure of all records concerning myself to the duly authorized agent of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of the records of educational institutions, medical treatment and/or consultation including hospitals, clinics, private practitioners, and the U.S. Veterans Administration, employment and pre-employment records including background reports.

I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background investigation, which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or part, upon this release authorization will be considered in compiling any report for the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. I certify that any person(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information; and I do hereby release said person(s) from any and all liability, which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information.

A photocopy of this release form will be valid as an original thereof, even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

Signature

Date

Address

Phone Number

City, State, Zip

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Notary Public

Date

I understand that this information may be obtained through the use of this waiver at any time during which my registration or certification is maintained through the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.

ATTACH BIRTH CERTIFICATE HERE

O.C.G.A. 25-4-8 (a) (1) requires that any person certified as a firefighter be at least 18 years old. Supplying a copy of a birth certificate may satisfy this requirement.

In lieu of a birth certificate, attach a valid Georgia Driver's License PLUS one or more of the following documents that include the full name of the applicant:

- a. Baptismal record
- b. Draft card
- c. Court records
- d. Passport
- e. Citizenship papers
- f. Armed forces discharge papers (DD214)
- g. Certified copy of school records

ATTACH PROCESSED FINGERPRINT CARD RESULTS

(One from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and one from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).)

O.C.G.A. 25-4-8 (a) (4) requires that any person certified as a firefighter to be fingerprinted and a search made of local, state, and national fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record. O.C.G.A. 25-4-8 (a) (2) specifies that a candidate may not be certified as a firefighter if they have been convicted of a felony within 10 years. (There are certain exceptions to this provision. See O.C.G.A. 25-4-8 for additional information. Fire Investigators may not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction.)

The original criminal history search results are preferred; however, a copy of the results will be accepted provided they have been notarized to be a true and exact copy of the original.

VERIFICATION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

O.C.G.A. 25-4-8(a)(3) requires that any person certified as a firefighter to be of good moral character as determined by an investigation. This is accomplished by an investigation of the criminal history of the candidate to verify that there is no recent pattern of convictions of crimes involving stealing, cheating, lying or some other that may indicate less than good moral character. Having an official from the fire department complete the following statement may satisfy this requirement.

Through an investigation as described above, I have determined that

Candidate's Name
is of good moral character.

Signature _____
Chief or Designee

Date _____

ATTACH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR STATE ISSUED GED HERE

O.C.G.A. 25-4-8 (a)(6) requires that any person certified as a firefighter to have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) diploma. Providing one of the following may satisfy this requirement:

- a. high school diploma (copy)
- b. college diploma (copy)
- c. certified high school transcript showing high school graduation
- d. certified college transcript showing high school graduation
- e. general educational development diploma (GED)

GED must be awarded by a state. United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) must be converted to a state awarded certificate. In order to convert the USAFI to a state awarded certificate the candidate must correspond with:

Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education
Office of Adult Literacy/GED Testing Services
1800 Century Place, Suite 555
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

ATTACH TRANSCRIPT OR COPY OF CERTIFICATE INDICATING COMPLETION OF THE *ARSON INVESTIGATOR LEVEL 2* COURSE TAUGHT BY THE GEORGIA POLICE ACADEMY HERE

O.C.G.A. 25-4-7(4) specifies that the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council shall “establish minimum standards for the employment and training of... fire investigators”. The Council has established the Arson Investigator Level 1 and Level 2 Courses as the minimum training requirement for fire investigators. Verification of completion is accomplished by attaching a copy of a transcript or certificates indicating completion of these courses.